



Texas Department of Transportation

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August 30, 2005

Mr. David Bartz
Federal Highway Administration - Texas Division
300 E. 8th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Bartz:

As directed, Texas Governor Rick Perry in an August 29, 2005 letter to the chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is suspending all oversize/overweight permitting requirements and fees for carriers that are contracted with the Federal Highway Administration and/or Federal Emergency Management Agency to move temporary housing and emergency equipment to Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Florida for disaster relief as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

The one exception to this waiver is for loads exceeding 14' high. Carriers moving loads that exceed 14' high will be required to contact TxDOT's Motor Carrier Division (MCD) at (512) 465-3592 between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and speak with Michelle Manigault, Denise Pate, or Scott McKee. If calling after hours please call (512) 658-1149.

If we can be of further assistance in this matter please contact me at (512) 465-3559.

Sincerely,

Carol Davis, Division Director
Motor Carrier Division

cc: The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of Texas
Ric Williamson, Chairman, Texas Transportation Commission
Michael W. Behrens, P.E., Executive Director, TxDOT
Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E., Assistant Executive Director, Engineering Operations, TxDOT



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

August 29, 2005

The Honorable Richard F. "Ric" Williamson
Chairman
Texas Transportation Commission
125 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Dear Chairman Williamson:

Texas has been contacted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) seeking our assistance with Florida recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Due to the number of people affected by the hurricane, temporary housing and emergency relief equipment is needed immediately throughout the Gulf States. State permitting processes and fees for the transportation of oversize loads could delay this essential relief.

In order to ensure that state regulation is not a barrier to the transport of relief materials and equipment, according to Texas Government Code §418.016, I hereby direct you to immediately suspend oversize permitting requirements, and waive the oversize permit fee for all temporary housing and emergency equipment headed to Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida for disaster relief. One exception to the waiver is for loads more than 14 feet high. These must be routed through the Texas Department of Transportation for expedited permitting to prevent damage to bridge structures.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Rick Perry
Rick Perry
Governor

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cc: Mr. Ron Castleman, Regional Director, Region VI, FEMA
Mr. C. D. Reagan, Texas Division Administrator, FHWA

Proclamation - September 1, 2005



Proclamation
by the
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, RICK PERRY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, do hereby certify that Hurricane Katrina, a disaster in sister states, has created an emergency disaster and emergency conditions for the people in the State of Texas beginning September 1, 2005.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby proclaim the existence of such a disaster and direct that all necessary measures, both public and private as authorized under Section 418.015 of the code, be implemented to meet that disaster.

As provided in Section 418.016, all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the incident.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 1st day of September, 2005

RICK PERRY(Signature)
Governor of Texas

Attested by:
ROGER WILLIAMS(Signature)
Secretary of State